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TOPIC Exercises of Units of the IX Mts Rifle Corps in the Northwest Portion of 25X1  
the Wittstock Training Grounds 25X1

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. At 1100 on 24 January 1955, 6 x 100-mm AT guns, 8 prime movers, approximately 15 trucks  and approximately 15 boxcarloads of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were entrained at the Schwerin freight station. The shipment, which came from the Krueger Kaserne  left toward Ludwigslust at 1500. 1 25X1
2. On 27 January, the following shipments were detrained at the Schwerin freight station and left for the Krueger Kaserne:
  - 0500. 30 to 35 trucks,  and soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with motor transport insignia. 25X1
  - 1930. 22 guns of more than 100 mm, 24 YA-12 prime movers , approximately 25 trucks  and an undetermined number of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with motor transport insignia. 25X1
  - 2210. 15 guns of more than 100 mm, 17 YA-12 prime movers  and approximately 25 trucks including  and occupied by soldiers and equipment. 25X1
  - 2400. 5 AT guns of about 75 mm, 5 prime movers including No 60-24, approximately 15 trucks  and an undetermined number of soldiers with equipment. 2 25X1
3. At 1045 on 20 January, a shipment with tanks  passed through Wittstock. The shipment came from the direction of Pritzwalk and proceeded toward Dranse. At about 1600, the train was followed by a shipment of 21 AT guns, trucks and 7 boxcars with personnel. 25X1
- At 1100 on 21 January, 10 guns, presumably 152-mm field howitzers, prime movers  12 trucks  and 1 field kitchen, which had arrived from the direction of Pritzwalk, were detrained at the Wittstock  25X1

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4. It was learned that numerous columns including trucks carrying ammunition passed through Wittstock during the night of 20 January. The columns came from the direction of Pritzwalk and proceeded toward Dranse. 4
5. At noon on 20 January, a train carrying 7 JS-1 or JS-2 tanks [redacted] and 1 JSU-122 gun passed through the Wittstock railroad station and proceeded toward Dranse. 3
6. At 1500 on 21 January, a column of approximately 20 trucks and 12 to 15 guns was seen on the Wittstock-Schweinrich road en route toward Schweinrich. At about 1900, two aircraft parachute flares were dropped over the Schweinrich training grounds.
7. At about 0130 on 26 January, many reports and impacts of artillery pieces were distinctly heard from the training grounds. Firing was still under way at 0400. Local residents stated that the emplacements were located in the woods east of Gross-Hasslow. Another resident stated that artillery also fired during the night of 26/27 January.
8. It was learned that tanks and guns had been entrained at the Wittstock railroad station in the morning of 27 January. Some elements reportedly left toward Pritzwalk by road. 4

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1. [redacted] 25X1
2. [redacted] Comment. The four trains carried units of the 4th Gds Arty Brig which returned from exercises in the northwest portion of the Wittstock training grounds. [redacted] 25X1
3. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the train which was observed in Wittstock in the morning of 20 January, carried tank units of the 18th Mecz Div. [redacted] the 60-xx series which were also observed during the unloading of units of the 4th Gds Arty Brig in Schwerin on 27 January, elements of this brigade were unloaded at the Wittstock railroad station on 21 January. [redacted] 25X1
4. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the exercises lasted from 21 to 27 January. The elements of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div and the 18th Mecz Div and Hq units of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps went to, and departed from, the training grounds by road and rail. [redacted] 25X1

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